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Iraqi Army leads raid near Kharnabat

BAQUBAH, Iraq – An Iraqi Army unit supported by a platoon of Coalition forces, launched an early morning raid in an area near Kharnabat May 25 in an effort to identify and flush-out anti-Iraq forces, according to a multinational forces report.

Soldiers from 4th Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 5th Iraqi Army Division led the joint raid. Upon reaching the planned objective, Iraqi and Coalition forces came under considerable small arms fire. Two Iraqi soldiers were wounded. A second Coalition platoon was called in as a quick reaction force and an unmanned aerial vehicle was directed into the area for reconnaissance and over-watch assistance. Shortly thereafter, the small arms fire dissipated and the wounded soldiers were evacuated.

One Coalition soldier received minor wounds. One civilian and one insurgent were killed during the action. Two insurgents were wounded in the exchange of gun fire. In the end, the Iraqi Army soldiers detained 12 suspected insurgents.

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